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Jobless rates fall in 106 counties from November 2006 to November 2007

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FRANKFORT, Ky. — Unemployment rates fell in 106 Kentucky counties between November 2006 and November 2007, rose in 12 counties and remained the same in two counties, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Education Cabinet.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the commonwealth at 3.4 percent. Other counties with low unemployment rates were Fayette and Warren counties, 3.5 percent each; Jessamine County, 3.7 percent; Boone County, 3.8 percent; Madison, Mason, Oldham and Scott counties, 3.9 percent each; and Bourbon, Franklin and Kenton counties, 4 percent each.

Jackson County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 9.2 percent. It was followed by Wolfe County, 8.8 percent; Clay County, 8.7 percent; Harlan and Magoffin counties, 8.5 percent each; Owsley County, 7.5 percent; Morgan County, 7.3 percent; and Bell, McCreary and Menifee, 7.1 percent each.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and

unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and county figures.

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